equivalent to the pay scale attached to the post of Secretary to the Government of India and the Members are allowed the pay scale of Rs.24050-650-26000 equivalent to the pay scale of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

(b) No proposal to accord status to the Chairperson and Members of NCW is presently under the consideration of the Government.

Statement

Status/rank accorded to the Chairperson and Members of National Commissions

Sl. No	Name of Commission	Status/rank accorded to the Chairperson	Status/rank accorded to the Members
1	National Human Rights Commission	Equated with the chief Justice of India in the matters relating to salaries, Leave Travel Concession and Travel Allowances etc.	Equated with the Judges of Supreme Court of India India in the matters relating to salaries, Leave Travel Concession and Travel Allowances etc.
2	National Commission for Scheduled Castes	Equivalent to Union Cabinet Minister	Equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India
3	National Commission for Scheduled Tribes	Equivalent to Union Cabinet Minister	Equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India
4	National Commission for Minorities	Equivalent to Union Minister	Equivalent to Secretary to the Government of India.

Funds released for literacy

503. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released by Government for literacy programmes during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether all the States have exhausted the funds and have been able to achieve the desired results; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Under the schemes of National Literacy Mission (NLM), funds are not released to State Governments and Union Territory administrations, but directly to District/State level registered societies and voluntary agencies. A statement indicating the amount released to these societies during the last three years, State-wise, is given in the Statement (See below)

(b) and (c) The funds are released for implementation of various literacy programmes. The funds are to be utilized during the duration of the project period and the unspent balance, if any, is either carried forward/adjusted to the next phase of the literacy programme or refunded after its conclusion.

The position of literacy in the country has improved between 1991 to 2001 as a result of various programmes/schemes being implemented by the Government. This is evident from the following figures:

Literacy%	1991	2001
All persons	52.21%	64.84%
Male	64.13%	75.26%
Female	39.29%	53.67%
SC	37.41%	54.69%
ST	29.60% ,	47.10%
Urban	73.08%	79.9%
Rural	44.69%	58.7%

According to the information furnished by the State Governments, the number of persons made literate under the literacy programmes from 2001-02 to 2003-04 is as under:-

2001-02	59.4 lakh
2002-03	61.3 lakh
2003-04	80.5 lakh

Statement

Grants released during The last three years —2002-03, 2003-04 & 2004-05 under various Schemes of National Literacy Mission (NLM)

Rs. in lakhs

Sl.No	State/UT	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	Andhra Pradesh	1074.89	2466.87	1124.60
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	186.25	10.00	147.97
3.	Assam	110.70	109.57	184.23
4.	Bihar	961.53	873.65	1168.67
5.	Chhattisgarh	284.76	37.67	546.24
6.	Goa	24.01	12.14	16.08
7.	Gujarat	1879.96	1749.54	742.57
8.	Haryana	82.21	101.61	446.25
9.	Himachal Pradesh	26.40	87.97	40.65
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	61.41	350.39	153.09
11.	Jharkhand	374.18	175.84	220.84
12.	Karnataka	2016.52	1451.01	2774.54
13.	Kerala	269.63	657.46	742.16
14.	Madhya Pradesh	3825.75	2125.51	3199.81
15.	Maharashtra	293.84	507.26	591.14
16.	Manipur	15.25	168.60	172.88
17.	Meghalaya	32.00	50.91	194.11
18.	Mizoram	88.40	31.70	15.00
19.	Nagaland	0.00	168.42	152.68
20.	Orissa	466.09	795.43	791.77
21.	Punjab	92.38	76.29	48.02
22.	Rajasthan	2591.46	2204.11	2332.96
23.	Sikkim	36.60	7.50	0.00
24.	Tamil Nadu	741.71	1062.84	1846.28
25.	Tripura	165.00	76.43	344.86
26.	Uttar Pradesh	4120.41	2120.67	2335.75
27.	Uttaranchal	60.63	113.71	287.49
28.	West Bengal	201.79	4077.72	1753.03
29.	Chandigarh	118.39	67.24	149.06
30.	Delhi	89.50	203.31	127.03
31.	Pondicherry	0.00	32.63	0.00
32.	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	0.00
33.	Andaman & Nicobar	0.00	0.00	0.00
34.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00
35.	Lakshadweep	0.00	11.74	11.74
	TOTAL:	20291.65	21985.74	22661.50